



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

*Celebrating 20 years of Strands in the Sand
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NEW TIME and LOCATION:

General Meeting on March 7th • 1:30-3:30 pm

Doors open @ 1:00 pm

San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, CA

*Programs, Carol Myers & Karen des Jardins,
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April 4 ROMI HILL: *New Lace Knitting: Designs for Wide Open Spaces*

The April program features knitwear designer Rosemary (Romi) Hill as our Guest Speaker in April. She'll talk about the incredible versatility of lace in a presentation called New Lace Knitting: Designs for Wide Open Spaces. Her topics include how stitch patterns change in different weights of yarn, how little details make a lace project truly elegant, and whether lace is for every day or special occasion.



A lifelong crafter and knitter, Romi is inspired by natural surroundings. Her designs have an organic flow. Romi's work has appeared in publications such as Vogue Knitting, Interweave Knits, Knitscene and Twist Collective, and in numerous books. Romi's book New Lace Knitting features timeless patterns for garments and accessories. Her creations are beautiful, artful, and sophisticated.

Learn more about Romi on her [Ravelry page](#).

The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. and Romi's presentation opens the program. Romi will offer four workshops on Wednesday and Thursday April 5 & 6. Read more at our [website](#).

Workshops will be at San Dieguito United Methodist Church. You may register for a workshop by emailing Programs@SanDiegoKnitters.com.

April 5, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon: #1 Lace & Cable Surgery Workshop #1 is full. Wait list is available.

April 5, 1:00-4:00 p.m.: #2 Devilish Details Workshop #2 is full. Wait list is available.

April 6, 9:00 a.m. to noon: #3 Lace Hacker – Make Your Lace Life Easier

April 6, 1:00-4:00 p.m.: #4 Knitted Jewelry: Introduction to knitting and crocheting with wire.

May 2 Ursula Almeida *Be Bold, Be Fearless, Be Creative*

*'SheThinksSheCan' ...
and she has!*

How do those creative types turn their ideas into knitwear, write patterns and sell them? What is their secret? Come hear how you, too, can break through your barriers to creativity and expression. "Every one of us has creative ideas," says guild member Ursula Almeida, "and I would like to



help you start that journey.”

After leaving home in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, many crafts came and went rather quickly until Ursula rediscovered knitting. Today Ursula can be found knitting and designing alongside family duties in the beachside town where she finds inspiration in nature and in everyday life. She has a pattern published in a book by KnitPicks. but Ursula finds the most joy in self-publishing her own designs. A knitwear designer with a passion for color and pattern, you can find Ursula on Ravelry as [SheThinksSheCan](#)

On May 3, Ursula will conduct a workshop “**How to Independently Publish a Pattern.**” She will teach all the ‘ins and outs’ on how to successfully publish a knitted or crocheted pattern. Sign up by emailing Programs@sandiegoknitters.com. You can also register for her class at the April meeting.

2017 General Meeting Schedule

- 4-Apr: Romi Hill, **New Lace Knitting: Designs for Wide Open Spaces**
- 2-May: Ursula Almeida, **Be Bold, Be Fearless, Be Creative**
- 6-Jun: Faina Goberstein, **Every Design Has a Story**
- 11-Jul: Annual Potluck Luncheon
- 1-Aug: Claudia Carlson, **Color Confidence**
- 5-Sep: Annual Guild Stash Sale
- 3-Oct: Myra Wood, **Living a Creative Life**
- 7-Nov: Michelle Montjoy, **River: A Community Art Project**
- 4-Dec: Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

President's Message

by **Mary Brown and Laura Brubaker**
President President@SanDiegoKnitters.com

INSPIRATION. Where do we find our inspiration? Where do **you** look for **your** inspiration? Different features attract our attention in random and unexpected ways. Often, nature is a good source of creative inspiration. It can be found in the way a leaf hangs gently from a tree branch, or in the way it has landed on the ground. It could be a simple blossom that draws our attention to the color displayed...

or even a tree and the way its branches sway and move in the wind. These can all be translated into the knitting patterns we all love and use. Cables, bobbles, seed stitch, slipped stitches, traveling stitches... can all be found in everyday occurrences. The waves in our majestic Pacific Ocean bring to mind some beautiful stitches that undulate just as the waves do. Right now we have snow-topped mountains we can see which inspire us with color work, shaping and texture. Think about the everyday job of cooking; inspiration rears its head there also. Stirring a pot of soup brings to mind a spiral stitched in the round. Chopping vegetables can be like piecing together a blanket of random squares or circles.

So, go forth, look around and **BE INSPIRED.** – **Laura Brubaker, Co-President**



Mary Brown



Laura Brubaker

County Fair

by: **Jan Davis** CountyFair@SanDiegoKnitters.com

Members wanting to enter your creations in the fair should go to the fair website at www.sdfair.com/ entry for complete information, including registration form, deadline date, and delivery and pick up dates. Remember the theme this year is “**How the West was Fun.**” (Still is!!!!)

Thanks to those of you who have signed up early to help staff our booth in the Home and Hobby Show at the Del Mar Fair June 27 - 29. I will have a signup sheet at the April 4th Guild meeting. If you have a day or time preference for your shift, please call or email me anytime (my number is in the directory). As usual, you will get a free entry ticket for the Fair so you may enter for free on the day you work in our booth. There is free parking at the Horse Park and you can take the free shuttle, which drops you off at the exhibitor's entrance. Easy Peasy!

I will need a lot of help as I will have a cast on my hand for a couple of months!

Thanks to all!!!

Minutes - General Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

by **Mary Van Orsdol, Secretary**
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Co-President Laura Brubaker opened the meeting at 1:30 pm. After greeting new members, Laura introduced Program Co-Chair Karen des Jardins. Karen des Jardins announced that the fourth Romi Hill workshop is a new offering, "Lace Hacker: Make Your Lace Life Easier." She then introduced speakers Kathy Hepburn and Denise Pinnell, who spoke about "Polymer Clay and Yarn: A Perfect and Functional Union of Knitting and Polymer Art." Kathy and Denise presented a brief introduction to polymer clay including its history, various techniques for working with it, examples of prominent artists, and their own work. They raffled off two sets of stitch markers and two shawl pins they had created from polymer clay.

Co-President Laura Brubaker conducted the business portion of the meeting. She began by introducing the new chair of the Stash Sale, Bobbie Brunson. Bobbie announced that she would like to expand the stash sale to include magazines, knitting needles and other knitting tools, finished and unfinished projects. She will need help with the stash sale and asked for volunteers to contact her at stashsale@sandiegoknitters.com. Membership Chair Nancy Nevin announced that membership dues are \$25 for the year and that today is the final day for submitting your dues if you wish to be included in the 2017 directory. She reminded everyone that you must be a member to attend the workshops.

Philanthropy Chair Eileen Adler thanked everyone for the donations they brought in today. She recognized Rebecca Johnson, Cary Sullivan, and Lois Chaddock who have donated three or more Softies and gave them each a Softies SAK (Share-A-Knit) kit. Eileen announced that the first SAK (Share-A-Knit) class of the year will be held on Thursday, April 13, from 10 am to 12 noon at the Solana Beach Library; participants will be knitting a mini color splash scarf. Eileen raffled three books from her personal collection as recognition awards for those who have donated items; the winners were Lois Chaddock, Karen Bochinski, and Cary Sullivan. Co-President Laura Brubaker reported that Library Co-Chairs Scarrain Gomes and Brigit Pitcairn will continue using the new book classification system for a few more meetings and then report back to the group.

Programs Co-Chair Carol Myers announced that the two workshops presented by Kathy Hepburn and Denise Pinnell are full. If more than fifteen members signup on the waiting list, a third workshop

will be added later. The fourth workshop to be presented by Romi Hill in April has been selected and is "Lace Hacker: Making Your Lace Life Easier." The May speaker is guild member Ursula Almeida who will present "Be Bold, Be Fearless, Be Creative;" her workshop is "How to Independently Publish a Pattern."

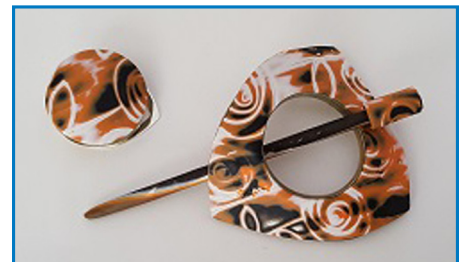
Members Teaching Members Chair Karen Bochinski requested volunteers to teach classes on topics such as basic crochet for knitters, fitting garments, casting on and binding off techniques, finishing techniques. Karen then introduced Colleen Davis who will teach an advanced swing knitting class on Thursday, March 23, from 12 noon to 3 pm at her house; there are a few spots remaining. Co-President Laura Brubaker surprised Colleen Davis with best wishes for her 80th birthday; the group sang "Happy Birthday" to her; Laura announced that Colleen's sister June had brought a special birthday cake for the celebration.

Retreats Chair June Bartczak provided information about two upcoming retreats. On August 21-24, the group will go to Viña de Lestonnac in Temecula, details to follow. On May 15-18, the group will return to Mary and Joseph in Palos Verdes, details on the website and in the newsletter. For the May retreat, submit your deposit of \$150 for a single room or \$100 per person for a double room to June by the April meeting; final payment for a total of \$520 for a single room or \$400 per person for double room is due by the May meeting. San Diego County Fair Chair Jan Davis asked for volunteers to work at the fair on June 27-29 for booth setup and tear down and for daily opening and closing. She will schedule 2 shifts each day with 4 people for a total of 24 slots. Jan will have a signup sheet at the April meeting. Volunteers receive free tickets to the fair for the days they work.

Mar Gee Farr was the master-of-ceremony for Show & Share; Stacy Mann photographed the models and their projects. Co-President Laura Brubaker adjourned the meeting at 2:48 pm.

Polymer Clay Workshop in March

See more of our members' handiwork from the March workshops in our [Ravelry Forum](#)



Philanthropy

by Eileen Adler, Philanthropy Chair
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Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day. The abused women's shelters that we support with our comfort scarves look forward to the scarves for Mother's Day. This is a very important day in the shelters; please help us make it warm and wonderful for these women. We will be collecting comfort scarves at the April and May meetings.

"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded," wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson. Every hat, scarf, headband, and pair of Softies make others breathe more easily. You can find the pattern for Softies here:

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/softies>

The request is for bigger pairs of Softies; please knit until each needle has at least 28 stitches before beginning the back (I've been knitting mine to 30 stitches). Softies sizes can be adjusted by removing or adding fiberfill. Additionally, the bigger ones cover more skin and so are more comfortable. Women playing sports use them - maybe those become "bust buddies." Softies SAKs are the perfect project sack for your Softies - bring in 3 pairs for one of these beautifully made Softies SAKs. A huge heartfelt thank you!

Our first free Share-A-Knit class is **Thursday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the Solana Beach Library, 157 Stevens Avenue, Solana Beach, CA. Please park in the lower parking lot or on the street to leave the upper parking lot spaces available. We will be knitting the **MINI COLOR SPLASH SCARF**, a two-tone slipstitch color-work pattern. Bring the following materials: two colors of knitting worsted weight yarn (200 - 300 yards total), US size 10 (6mm) or 10.5 (6.5mm) needles, and a tapestry needle for weaving in ends. The colors look best when contrasted or use one solid and one variegated yarn.



Spring Retreat News

by June Bartczak, Retreat
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The Spring Retreat will be at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes, from Monday, May 15, at 11 am through Thursday, May 18, at noon. This venue is near several local yarn shops, hiking trails and thrift shops. The views of the city on one side and of the ocean and Catalina Island on the other are lovely!! The beautiful grounds are quite accessible. The peacocks strut around like they own the place



and are quite photogenic; their screeching--not so much!! Our sleeping rooms are on the ground floor, while the dining room is up one level, gained by using the stairs or a wide, gently sloping ramp. The food is fresh, delicious, and simple. Our first meal is lunch on Monday; the last will be breakfast on Thursday.

The total cost per person is \$400.00/double room and \$520.00/single room. Price includes all meals, our knitting room, and your sleeping room. Deposit amounts are: \$100.00/person for doubles; \$150.00 for singles. Please send or bring in your deposit by the time of the April meeting. The final payment will be due by the May meeting.

If you are not staying overnight but wish to spend the day with us, you must Commuter rates as follows:
Meeting room: \$25.00 per person per day
Meals: Continental Breakfast \$6.00 / Full Breakfast \$10.00 / Lunch \$16.00 / Dinner \$21.00

By the terms of our contract, the number of participants, rooms and commuters with meals ordered must be finalized by May 1, 2017. **Make checks payable to SDNCKG** and mail to June Bartczak at 157 Via Monte d'Oro, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 or turn in at the April meeting.

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1

Stash Sale

by: **Bobbie Brunson** StashSale@SanDiegoKnitters.com

It's almost Spring, so as you begin your spring cleaning, think of the Guild and donate any yarn related items to support our Guild's Stash Sale fundraiser. The Stash Sale is a major fundraiser for the Guild and supports our programs and guest workshops. This year's sale is on September 5.

We are collecting donations at our monthly general meetings from now until August. But don't wait! As soon as you decide it's gotta go, bring it in. We will accept donations of yarn, books, magazines, knitting needles, crochet hooks, notions and accessories; finished objects you no longer wear or want; unfinished objects you no longer want to finish. If the designers among you want to donate patterns, we would be delighted. If you have project bags you would like to donate, that would be great!

With your support, we look forward to having a super, spectacular stash sale.

Membership

by **Nancy Nevin, Membership**
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Welcome to our new Guild members who joined in March. We hope to have new 2017 directories to hand out to members at our April Meeting.

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Members Teaching Members

by **Karen Bochinski**
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You enjoy teaching? Want to earn some money teaching knitting in a welcoming and supportive environment? Please send your request for MTM class topics to me and I will try to find an instructor. Do Guild members want to learn these skills:

- ◆ Basic Crochet for knitters
- ◆ How to read a chart and to create a chart
- ◆ Fitting knitted garments
- ◆ Different Cast on and Cast offs
- ◆ Knitting fitted sleeves top down
- ◆ Finishing
- ◆ Fair isle Knitting
- ◆ Mitered Squares
- ◆ Mobius Knitting
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Seaming Set in Sleeves

Visit the website for the teacher information form and submit it via email. Contact Karen if you have questions and ideas.

San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild General Information

Membership in the Guild is open to everyone, regardless of your craft. Membership expires for all members on January 31. Dues are \$25 annually. Here is a printable [membership form](#).

Send all submissions by the 15th of the month to: President@SanDiegoKnitters.com. Short articles relating to knitting in general, and the San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild in particular, are encouraged.

Notices and announcements of a commercial nature may be placed as paid advertisements. Send an email to the above email address for rates and more information.

Show & Share March (Check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))

Another vibrant, original design by Colleen Davis. This sweater uses several techniques including bobbles, mosaic knitting, color gradation, intarsia and entrelac.



Karen Bochinski modeled the "Bayside Pullover" by Hannah Fettig. She used Cascade Ultra Pima DK weight cotton, proving that Fair Isle designs can be done quite successfully in fibers other than wool. Additional photos and Karen's notes are on her [Ravelry page](#).



Nathine Nelson crocheted the "Little Fans Shawl" in Noro Taiyo Sock yarn, a blend of cotton, nylon, silk and wool.



Chris Ward used a variety of cotton yarns to make the Stephen West "Parachute" Vest. She knit for the medium with adjustment to the width of the front.

Dawn Frank showed her shawl "Campfire" by designer Meghan Fernandes. The yarn is Ravenswood worsted weight wool. *Unfortunately, Dawn didn't pose for a photo.*



SSS000 this is why we should always check our gauge before starting our projects!

Show & Share March (Check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))

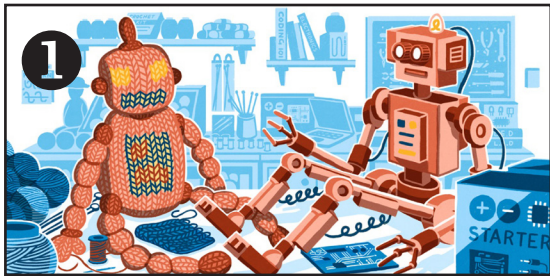
Sydney Wauson knit the "See You in September" shawl in Madelinetosh Merino Light. The interesting construction with short rows and multiple lace charts kept it interesting. More on her Ravelry [page](#).



Barbara Levin's: "Exploration Station Shawl" by Stephen West was knit with wool & silk yarns from Neighborhood Fibre Co., Twist Yarns of Intrigue, and Hedgehog Fibres. [See](#) the shawl being blocked.

March meeting in pictures





① [Read](#) about the connection between knitting and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) education for girls.

② [Hare Finger Puppets](#) are easy to knit, take very little yarn, and are easy to carry around in your pocket as toys.

③ [Blowsey Ruffles Scarf](#) is a shorter neckwarmer with a feminine design, Perfect for Mother's Day scarf for our philanthropy cause!

④ Begere de France's [Lacy Summer Shell](#) has a neat, fitted appearance and is worked in a fingering weight yarn. The top has a pretty lace panel on the front, short sleeves and a round neckline; the back and sleeves are worked in stockinette stitch.

⑤ [Golden Orchids Shawl](#) is semi-circular, a modified triangle, and is knitted from the center of neck outwards. Optional beads on the border add weight and sparkle.

⑥ At the time I wrote this, winter storm Stella was blanketing the northeastern USA with snow. What better time than now to whip up some quick-knit felted wool [Winter Ballerina Slippers](#) from DROPS Design. Pattern is written for children through adult

⑦ [Fisherman's Rib Hand Warmers](#) from Purl Soho use US#2 needles and a 440yd skein of your favorite fingering weight yarn. The pattern has excellent photographs and technique instruction.

✓ Settle in at your computer or with your tablet as you watch these video resources for shawl wearing, found in [Yarniac's podcast](#) Blog #136.

- 1) 8 ways to wear a rectangular shawl/stole
- 2) 20 tips to wear a square shawl
- 3) Tin can knits: How to wear a shawl
- 4) Ways to wear a triangular shawl
- 5) Ways to wear your knit shawl (video)
by Susan B. Anderson